

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 24, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Dana Garrett
Robert Stevens
Dr. MaryLou Apple
Jeff Sandvig
Teresa Jolly
Jan Rogers
Becky Shelton

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided the January 5, 2012 minutes of the Community Care Board. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department reports for November and December, 2011 for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the Health Department reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Garrett next presented the Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health for the Rutherford County Health Department covering effective dates of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Following review,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Commissioner J. Phillips suggested that when the Committee holds its meeting at the Health Department in Smyrna in April, that the Committee may want to also visit the new high school. Chairman J. Jordan will discuss this with Mr. Clardy to set up.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Jeff Sandvig presented General Purpose School budget amendments including (1) an amendment to reallocate \$25,867 in already budgeted classified pay and benefits advising the \$9,860 in Account 72510-119 covers moving the federal projects accounting clerk entirely back to the General Purpose School budget. Previously this position has been partially paid by Title I Consolidated Administration funds but with cuts in the Title I allocation it needs to be moved back to the GPS budget. The other amendments are adjustments based on actual staff in place and vacancies. No new funds are being used and (2) an amendment budgeting an additional \$202,148 in state funds. These funds reimburse the system for some of the costs incurred for high-cost special education students. These funds must be budgeted for special ed expenditures and are being budgeted in staff and benefit lines that need to be increased because of these high-cost students. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to (1) amend \$25,867 in already budgeted classified pay and benefits as presented and (2) amend \$202,148 in IDEA revenue for high-cost students and the related staff expenditures as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FROM MOTLOW STATE:

Dr. MaryLou Apple and Jan Rogers representing Motlow State Community College addressed the Committee advising they are currently housed in a 17,500 square foot building with 2,000 students and holding classes seven days a week. Motlow opened the Smyrna facility in 2006. The Committee was advised Motlow is currently in a fundraising effort to raise \$2,700,000 for a new facility to house classes, tutoring and labs of 35,000 square feet estimated at \$10,400,000. The project is currently on the State of Tennessee capital projects list. \$397,350 is needed to finish the fundraising to secure the 35,000 square foot building. The Committee was advised Motlow is requesting a one time gift of \$200,000 from the City of Murfreesboro as well as Rutherford County. The City has advised it is withholding its response until the County responds.

Mayor Burgess advised he supports the project and 87% of the students at Motlow are from Rutherford County. Additionally, the gift can be made \$100,000 in this fiscal year from the Development Tax with the remaining \$100,000 paid in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner J. Phillips advised this facility helps more than college aged students. Chairman J. Jordan advised it is an investment by the taxpayers. Commissioner Robert Stevens advised he endorsed the project and encouraged the County's support. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to support the request of Motlow State Community College of \$200,000 with the funding split \$100,000 this fiscal year and \$100,000 next fiscal year forwarding this request to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman J. Jordan advised approximately February 21 he will be sending a brief summary of ideas he feels should be explored in the near future concerning Rutherford County schools and education in general for discussion.

Commissioner Allen next provided a map showing the Road Board and School Board zones with municipal boundaries advising an island has been created in doing the redistricting and she would like continued discussion. Although previously reviewed by the Redistricting Committee, this could not be fixed without disregarding

incumbency of Road Board and School Board members. To change, the current incumbency cycle will need to be run out and changes may not be able to be implemented until 2018. Commissioner Allen advised a Committee needed to be formed to review that held diverse representation including representatives of the Road Board, School Board and potentially the municipalities. Commissioner Allen advised she started in the Health & Education Committee because of the School Board involvement.

Chairman J. Jordan advised there was no intent to do anything that shouldn't have been done in the Redistricting Committee. The process was not difficult, only time consuming as to Commissioners. The current plan is legal but unfortunately the Committee did not review the Road Board and School Board districts and he suggested taking the matter to the Steering Committee.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised there are arguments on both sides as LaVergne has three representatives on the School Board now versus one.

Chairman J. Jordan advised he thought Steering Committee should recommend any Committee including the make up and then send the matter to the Commission.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised since the Redistricting Committee followed incumbency for Commissioners he did not feel there should be differentiation from that now.

Mayor Burgess ask what is the real purpose of the discussion and what is trying to be solved. Commissioner Allen advised LaVergne wants guaranteed representation as they think the three representatives are watered down. Mayor Burgess ask in that case do you then ask Smyrna and Murfreesboro if that what they want.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised in years past the School Board made requests and could not get funding from the Commission.

Chairman J. Jordan advised he struggled with the problem because if LaVergne makes this request and he thinks the request is wrong does he follow his conscious or do what the constituents want.

Chairman J. Jordan will call Chairman Coggin and ask to have this matter put on the Steering Committee agenda.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

JEFF JORDAN, Chairman